

2012 Statewide OHV Program Project Funding: Fact Sheet

1. What's type of projects are eligible for funding?

The OHV statute A.R.S. §28-1176 (E) identifies the following uses of the Fund:

- To designate, construct, maintain, renovate, repair or connect off-highway vehicle routes and trails and to designate, manage and acquire land for access roads, off-highway vehicle recreation facilities and off-highway vehicle use areas.
- For enforcement of off-highway vehicle laws.
- For off-highway vehicle related informational and environmental education programs, information, signage, maps and responsible use programs.
- For the mitigation of damages to land, revegetation and the prevention and restoration of damages to natural and cultural resources, including the closure of existing access roads, off-highway vehicle use areas and off-highway vehicle routes and trails.
- For necessary environmental, historical and cultural clearance or compliance activities.

2. Who can apply?

Governmental entities are eligible to apply for OHV project grants. Entities include cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies and are defined as a governmental body with a responsibility to provide OHV recreation related opportunities to the public and that meets the following criteria:

- independent governing authority;
- independent signature authority; and
- independent authority to commit funds.

An entity may submit applications for multiple projects in any given year. An entity may need to present a signed resolution authorizing the application for an OHV Program project grant.

Organizations, clubs, businesses, and any groups (hereafter referred to as "organizations") that can meet the terms of the grant program and enter into a project agreement are eligible applicants.

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3. How much money is available?

- OHV Recreation Fund = \$1.8M approximate
- RTP = \$1.6M approximate
- Each project may receive up to \$300K in grant funds without a match.
- Projects requesting more the \$300K must match the grant funds over \$300K equally up to \$500K in total grant funds.
- Maximum grant funds = \$500K

4. Other requirements.

- All applicants must submit documentation that appropriate cultural surveys have been completed for the project area.
- Applicants receiving federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds must provide documentation that a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessment has been completed.
- Organization applicants must submit an executed agreement with the land manager that meets the requirements identified in the grant manual.
- Cooperation and volunteer support from user groups is encouraged.
- Matching funds are not required, but a contribution from the project sponsor is encouraged.

5. Steps to complete the Statewide OHV Program grant application process:

- a. Download and read the grant manual. Clarify questions and establish contact with Robert Baldwin, 602-542-7130 / rbb2@azstateparks.gov.
- b. Potential "organization" applicants must establish and document a relationship with the land manager that allows them to make improvements on the agency land. This process takes some time to complete and needs to get started immediately.
- c. Identify the scope, cost, and completion timeline for the project.
- d. Attend the grant workshop on February 9th at the State Parks office @ 1 pm.
- e. Download the Project Funding Application Forms and Project Scoring Criteria Forms in .doc format from the State Parks website.
- f. Create a grant application timeline using the Required Forms Checklist that allows for pre-submittal review by Robert Baldwin.
- g. Have the application reviewed for completeness and correctness prior to submittal.
- h. **SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE WITH ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES AND DOCUMENTS BY DUE DATE: MARCH 16, 2012 @ 5 PM**